



President Report - Rosemary Lindsay

Hello to all of our Members,



In reviewing the 2018 President's Report and looking back at the year overall, I marvel at what the CFPA Board of Directors has accomplished again this year, as well as, how our method of communication has changed over the year. With the refinement and rollout of the Reporter to the launch of the CFPA Website, the methods of obtaining information have definitely expanded.

In February 2018, Members of the Board were invited to observe an RCMP presentation on policing at Rocky View County's Policy and Priorities Committee Meeting. We heard what their initiatives were and had the opportunity to meet the Detachment Commanders from Cochrane, Airdrie, Beiseker and Strathmore, along with the new Southern Alberta District Commander, Operations Superintendent and the Sgt from Cochrane Detachment that oversees our Liaison Officer. During the presentation there was great support for RCW and Cochrane Insp. L. Ware, made a point to speak to the association with the Cochrane Detachment and the CFPA. The County's Councillors had many questions, which included the participation and set up of RCW in their areas. By invitation of Insp. Ware, I had the privilege of addressing these questions directly on behalf of the CFPA.

In February, Members of the Board also attended the APRCWA AGM in Lacombe with the topic being 'what communities can do to expand their role in Crime Prevention.' The information touched on the social aspects for crime, as well as the impact on the health, social welfare, mental health and other agencies in the treatment and support of the individuals that are committing the majority of the crimes. The Provincial 7-point initiative, announced in early 2018, is addressing some of these areas.

Specific topics included updates on the functions of the Crime Reduction Units, updates on the Vehicle Theft Unit and a workshop on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. We are aiming to provide

workshops in various areas in the Rocky View County and M.D of Bighorn to pass along this information.

March saw CFPA back in front of the Rocky View County Policies and Priorities Committee with a presentation on CFPA and the role of Rural Crime Watch in the County. Councillors asked more questions on how they could assist their residents to get involved and the commitment required. From this, we were pleased to have Councillor Samantha Wright, join the CFPA Board and we appreciate the County perspective at our Board meetings. Also stemming from this presentation was the support of other Councillors hosting informational meetings, in their areas, on Crime Prevention and council updates. Thank you to those Councillors for arranging these meetings and for inviting the CFPA to be a part of the program.

As your President, I was invited to represent CFPA at an Alberta Justice and RCMP Media event in Airdrie. This event was to provide an update on the progress of the 7-point plan that was announced earlier last year and to showcase the Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Unit's work. It was an honour to represent CFPA and meet the Alberta RCMP District Commander and the Minister of Justice. This provided great networking opportunities and a chance to discuss the benefits of Rural Crime Watch in the Communities with some key leaders in the Province.

We continue to receive requests for community presentations. We are happy to come out to answer questions or provide information on crime prevention and other topics, as requested.

We supported Rocky View Ag Services, again with their Farm and Rural Security Workshop. The Springbank Fall Fair was another success and we enjoyed chatting with everyone that we meet. A big thank you to Director Jim Willson for being the CFPA Newsletter editor. His monthly updates are terrific and we truly appreciate his talent.

In the fall, we refined the Reporter and rolled it out to all existing members. All new members will automatically have an account created. The Reporter tool is a web-based, home-grown and developed local reporting tool



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where CFPA Members can log onto the Reporter tool and input suspicious activity, abandoned vehicles and other incidents, after calling the details into the RCMP. The purpose of the Reporter tool is to see what is happening in your community and surrounding areas. The purpose of this is to report suspicious and criminal activities in your community and surrounding areas. The Reporter tool is **not** tied into the RCMP's reporting system and is a stand-alone tool for CFPA Members only. The more you can report, the better the RCMP can allocate resources and track trends. We are seeing an increase in suspicious activities and incidents reported to the RCMP, and encourage you to also log them on the Reporter tool.

One of the exciting projects we have been able to complete this year is the launch of the CFPA Rural Crime Watch Website. Thanks to a grant from the Rocky View County Community Initiatives Grant Program, our CFPA Website became a reality. Thanks, and big shout out to Board Members Brad Jones and Bob Bleaney for taking the lead and making this happen.

In January 2019, CFPA was also awarded a grant from the MD of Bighorn Community Services Grant Program. This grant will be used towards the operation and maintenance of the website.

Some of you may have heard about the RCMP Alberta Crime Map, which provides information on crimes that have occurred over a 2-week period. CFPA has worked with RCMP's "K" Division and has obtained a custom link to the Alberta Crime Map that focuses on Airdrie and Cochrane's RCMP detachment areas west of Highway 2. The link is on our Website. Take a look to see what the RCMP are reporting in our area.

We regretfully accepted the resignations from Board Members Paul Clark and Kelly Scott. Their contributions to the Board are greatly appreciated and we will miss their humor and contributions to the Board.

2019 will see a changing of the guard, so to speak, for our RCMP Liaison Officer. Cst. Nathan MOORE will have a change of duties, within the Cochrane Detachment, and with this will step down as the CFPA Liaison Officer. Cst. Moore has been a great asset to the Board in his 4 years

in this position and we wish him all the best in his new duties. His replacement, Cst. Mark Seaman, is an established RCMP Member of the Cochrane Detachment and brings his own unique experiences and knowledge to the Board. Cst. Seaman will take over duties with Rocky View County Enhanced Policing. Welcome Cst. Seaman, we look forward to working with you.

Our Fish and Wildlife Representation also changed in the latter part of 2018 and we welcomed Officer Matthew Visentin as our liaison. CFPA is still one of the few Rural Crime Watch Associations that boasts having a dedicated Liaison Officer. We are fortunate to have the leadership in the Cochrane and Area Fish and Wildlife Office that supports Rural Crime Watch to this degree. We would also like to thank Officer Mark Hoskin for his contributions to the group over the past 5 years.

The CFPA Board appreciates the support of Rocky View County Enforcement Services Manager, Lorraine Wesley-Riley. Lorraine adds her knowledge and insight from the County Enforcement perspective, as well as attending CFPA meetings and functions.

CFPA would like to acknowledge its partnership with Jepson Petroleum (Alberta) Ltd. and Ed Kitt. Jepson fuel delivery drivers continue to be watchful for suspicious activity in rural areas. The CFPA is grateful for Jepson's continued financial support for the advertising of our Annual General Meeting.

This March 2019, we hosted an informational night, providing information on what projects are in the works and to garner leadership support from the Membership. If you are interested in learning about some of the projects or getting involved in organizing, hosting or putting on an event, please email us at info@cfparcw.ca. We look forward to hearing from you.

CFPA Membership has increased to 250 Members within the rural area of the Cochrane RCMP Detachment. The approximate number of members by area is: Springbank 100; Bearspaw 80; Cochrane Rural 40; Ghost/Beaupre 25; and, Bragg Creek 12.



We are now able to offer our Members the option of e-transfer payment for Membership Dues and Signs at payment@cfparcw.ca. Our Treasurer, Gayle Watson, thanks all Members for their prompt payment of dues since the 2019 renewals went out in late January. Membership status inquiries can be directed to treasurer@cfparcw.ca.

Thank you for your feedback, interest, reporting and commitment to your community. Should you have an idea or project you would like to bring forth to the CFPA, please contact info@cfparcw.ca. This is your Association and the Board of Directors is diligently working to provide you with tools and information for crime prevention.

We encourage you to come out to the CFPA Annual General Meeting on April 6th, at 1 pm, at the Frank Wills Memorial Hall in Cochrane. The APRCWA has released the new Rural Crime Watch video which will be shown at the AGM. There will be a special speaker presentation on best options for community safety and awareness.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President, again, for the past year and to work with the dedicated individuals who make up the CFPA Board. Thanks to each and every one of you for sharing your talent and knowledge, and for your continued support, feedback and input. Without you there would be no CFPA or Rural Crime Watch in Rocky View County or the M.D of Bighorn.

Going forward, 2019 promises a lot of momentum and we would like to have you share in our successes. Please feel free to contact us with your comments, suggestions, questions and ideas. We encourage you to get involved at whatever level works for you.

Respectfully,

Rosemary Lindsay
president@cfparcw.ca

Vice President Report - Brad Jones

2018 was a busy year for the Cochrane Foothills Protective Association!



I am pleased to see several of the projects we have been working on come to fruition this year. These projects will help us communicate more efficiently and effectively with our Members and the public.

These projects included:

- The launch of our Website – see Bob Bleaney’s report below;
- The official launch of our ‘online geospatial incident reporting tool’, commonly referred to as ‘the Reporter tool’. If you have not had a chance, click on the Reporter page on our Website, or go directly to <https://cfparcw.ca/reporter/>, and see what your fellow Members have been reporting in and around their local areas. All Members can contribute incident reports to share with their fellow Members. This application is accessible from any device that has a web browser. If you have an idea about what would make this a more effective tool for you, please send us your feedback.
- The migration to, and addition of, our new email addresses. We now have email addresses that are easier to remember. This includes our new general address info@cfparcw.ca, as well as the officer emails highlighted in this report or from the Website; and
- E-transfer payments. With the update to our new email addresses, we are able to add the capability to accept payments via e-transfer.

A big thank-you to all of my fellow Board Members. We could not have accomplished as much as we have this year without your efforts. It has been an honour serving as Vice President for yet another year for CFPA. Thanks also to our partners, and our Membership.

Brad Jones
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Director Report - Bob Bleaney



I formally joined the CFPA Board of CFPA at the AGM in April 2018, supporting the South Springbank area. Working with fellow Board Members, I participated in several community meetings to provide background on the Rural Crime Watch model and our approach to reducing rural crime, resulting in several new Memberships.

My key deliverable for 2018 was the development and implementation of our new Website cfparcw.ca. Please check it out, if you haven't already.

Website work included securing of funding for the development, implementation, and operational support, issuing requests for proposals, reviewing bids, and working closely with our Website designer in providing content for the site. We are most appreciative of the financial support received from Rocky View County for this work and from the MD of Bighorn for ongoing operational support.

The Website is now fully operational and includes member specific access to our geospatial Reporter tool, a direct link to the customized RCMP Crime Map specific to our RCW area. It also provides links to newsletters, crime prevention tips, and contact information for emergency services. We are continuing to explore ideas for expanding the Website to support you, our valued Members and the public at large. We welcome your feedback, including any suggestions of what you would like to see added, updated or changed.

With the Website and the Reporter tool in place, our efforts are now focusing on the means of integration and rollout of messages in various media to provide timely crime activity notifications and alerts to our Members. Expect to hear more on this over the coming months.

Bob Bleaney

Director Report - Jim Willson



Springbank is partly rural and partly urban. Criminals look for opportunities in or near residences. I have focussed on community activities in central and north Springbank, by meeting with Members and their neighbours to help them organize mutual crime deterrence through RCW principles and technology. We presented RCW for the communities of Calling Horse, Windhorse, Panorama Ridge and Harmony. Other Springbank community activities were meeting neighbours at the September Fall Fair, and presenting at the community meeting in October convened by Councillor Kim McKylor.

Since May 2018, I have been writer of the seven monthly newsletters to RCW Members, and provided an insert to Councillor McKylor's monthly news to her subscribers. A special thanks goes to the Springbank Park for All Seasons for publishing RCW and RCMP articles in the Park Patter. Reaching 4000 plus households is more than valuable.

In addition to Jepson Petroleum drivers, who look out for suspicious activity while driving rural roads, we have developed a similar program for school bus drivers. As this concept can be adopted by any fleet operator, we welcome inquiries of fleet operators to join. Drivers enjoy the challenge and responsibility of being eyes for safer roads and community. Of course, this applies to all drivers anywhere. An RCW orientation of fleet reporting is available to start and enhance this important resource.

In keeping with the value of new ideas and energy and continuity, I emphasize Members contribute to the newsletters and take on an RCW leadership role in their neighbourhood community. Thanks to all for the opportunities.

Jim Willson



Director Report - Samantha Wright

Rural crime is something that affects everyone. It is what I receive the most emails/calls about in my role as Councillor. From mailbox break-ins to residential break and enters to vehicular theft, crime is a problem in Rocky View. Given Rocky View's geographic presence and population, 40,000 residents spread over close to one million acres, one thing is incredibly clear - we will not police ourselves out of crime.



When the CFPA made its presentation to Council last March, I immediately saw the value this organization provided to the community and wanted to get involved. So, here I sit on the Board of Directors.

In September, I held an open house, in Bearspaw, aimed at providing an understanding of what it takes to make our community more safe and secure. The panel consisted of CFPA's Rosemary Lindsay and Jim Willson, RCMP Const. Nathan Moore, County Enforcement Manager Lorraine Wesley-Riley and Fire Chief Randy Smith. Each gave a presentation followed by a question and answer period. It was well-attended and the information gleaned was immensely beneficial. Thanks to all who presented and participated. I am proud to say that my meeting was a jumping off point for other Councillors to do the same.

I send out regular Council updates along with brief resident updates about what's going on in our community. Rural crime is by-and-large my most covered topic. I am in frequent contact with our local MP - Blake Richards, specifically with regards to mailbox thefts. Recent arrests by the Cochrane RCMP will hopefully curb these types of crimes. However, we both believe an improved judicial system would be the best deterrent of all.

On the provincial level, there have been many recent initiatives established, from hiring more prosecutors and judges to creating Crime Reduction Units. All of these are amazing, but they take time before their effects are felt, so what do we do in the meantime?

On the municipal level, Rocky View County has established a SAFE & SOUND system with several features of relevance to residents. It is used for general and specifically located emergency alerts, as well as specific important local activities, and non-emergency municipal information. You choose the distribution method – email, text and/or phone. To sign up, please visit:

<https://www.rockyview.ca/CountyServices/SafeSound.aspx>.

The most valuable piece of information that I have learned this past year is that crime will happen; it's about making sure it doesn't happen to you. I can't stress enough the importance of being a member of Rural Crime Watch. Together, we are the eyes and ears of our community and we can really make a difference.

Talk to your neighbours and get to know them. Learn what's "normal" for your neighbourhood. If it doesn't look right - report it. Always better to be safe than sorry! Let's all do our part to keep our community safe.

Samantha Wright

Division 8 Councillor, Rocky View County

Partner Report - Jepson Petroleum



2018 was the second year of the partnership between CFPA/RCW and Jepson Petroleum. Jepson's primary on-going contribution has been through its drivers watching for suspicious activity while delivering bulk fuel to its customers in the CFPA area. To date, there have not been any such activities noticed or reported by the drivers.

The year included another presentation to the drivers by Board Member Jim Willson, during which drivers were reminded of what constitutes suspicious activity and of the need to report such activity to the RCMP immediately, even when in doubt of whether or not to report.

The 2018 AGM was attended by Jepson Petroleum GM Ed Schrottner who emphasized Jepson's support of the



Association's goal to help reduce rural crime through the participation of the drivers. For the second consecutive year Jepson also provided the financial support for newspaper advertising of the AGM.

In November 2018, I attended the RCW Provincial Association Zone 1 meeting which was hosted by CFPA. This meeting provided the opportunity to meet and inform the attendees from throughout the Zone about Jepson's partnership with CFPA and advise them that similar partnerships could be formed with Jepson's branch offices located in their area. A list of those branch facilities, contact names and phone numbers was distributed to the other RCW chapters in southern Alberta. Interest in contacting Jepson's local representative was expressed by the attending representative of the South East Alberta RCW chapter.

Early in 2019, discussions occurred with President Rosemary Lindsay about expanding the partnership with RCW chapters to include joint initiatives through which both parties could benefit from increased exposure to the farming community. Further meetings will occur to discuss specific opportunities as they may arise in Jepson's southern Alberta territory.

Ed Kitt

Jepson Petroleum (Alberta) Ltd.

Partner Report - Cochrane / Canmore Fish & Wildlife



The Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch, Cochrane District covers approximately 9,000 sq kms stretching from Sundre in the north to High River in the south, the Calgary city limits in the east to the National park. This area is faithfully patrolled by three fish and wildlife officers and a supervisor.

Over the past year, officers responded to an increased number of illegal activity calls which included hunting during closed season, hunting without a license, and shot and left animals. A large number of these violations

were conducted on private land where the culprits did not have permission to access the land.

We continue to receive tips through the Report a Poacher (RAP) Program on illegal hunting activity. The calls and tips received from the public through RAP are invaluable. We endeavour to explore all leads, tips and information during an investigation, with the goal of apprehending and prosecuting the person(s) involved with illegal hunting activity. The RAP number 1-800-642-3800 is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All information about the caller will be kept strictly confidential. A caller can remain anonymous and still qualify for a reward.

A wildlife violation may be reported on line at <https://www.alberta.ca/report-poacher.aspx>

Recently a Cochrane officer had the honour and privilege of representing the province as a guard of honour at the opening ceremonies for the 2019 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games and as a plunger at the Law Enforcement Torch Run polar plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Fish and Wildlife Officers will actively be involved in the RCMP initiative Project Lock-Up along with other Law enforcement agencies and Rural Crime Watch. While in the past, Officers have worked well and closely with RCMP, this formalizes and enhances the flow of information between law enforcement agencies. For more information about Project Lock Up, please go to:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/news/2019/new-initiative-turns-the-focus-repeat-victims-break-and-enters>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dBWgECMJpk&feature=youtu.be>

We look forward to the continued support of Rural Crime Watch.

Mark Hoskin

Cochrane District Fish and Wildlife Officer
Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch Justice and Solicitor General



Partner Report – Rocky View

Enforcement Services



In 2018, Rocky View County Administration underwent an organizational review, resulting in restructuring of the Enforcement Services Department. Four Bylaw officers are now part of the Planning and Development Department. These officers will primarily enforce the Land Use Bylaw and focus on a “compliance based” approach. The remaining officers stay within the Enforcement Services Department and continue to enforce a variety of County Bylaws and provincial legislation.

The Traffic Section will continue to concentrate on the County’s Traffic Safety Plan. The Plan will focus on non-compliance issues such as:

1. Speeding;
2. Stop Sign Violations;
3. Distracted Driving;
4. Seat Belt Infractions and;
5. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

By targeting these issues, the Departments’ goal is to prevent motor vehicle collisions, save lives and reduce the severity of injuries which are suffered in these collisions. The Traffic Section will also increase routine patrols throughout the County to act as a deterrent to help combat rural crime in the outer areas of the County.

In the fall of 2018, Rocky View County Council passed an updated Firearms Bylaw because of changes from the large increase in population. The intent of the new bylaw was to address public safety concerns in highly populated areas without interfering with farming and ranching operations. Due to public feedback, Council has decided to revisit the new Firearms Bylaw and address concerns raised by County residents. These adjustments will be made in consultation with County rate payers.

In 2018, a total of 1,655 complaints were received by the Department. The Bylaw Section investigated 1,377 of these complaints while the remainder were investigated by the Traffic Section. In addition, the Traffic Section continued focusing on the County’s Traffic Safety Plan and conducted 6,794 traffic stops. A small number of these traffic stops also required the attendance of the RCMP because Criminal Code Violations were also detected.

Attendance at community group functions is a priority for the Enforcement Services Department. There are several

requests made throughout the year and our attendance is close to 100%. The goal of the Department is to be engaged in the community and address stakeholder concerns in an effective and proactive approach. Enforcement Services will continue to participate in CFPA meetings and we are pleased to be invited and considered to be a stakeholder in the Community.

Sgt. Jay Loro

Acting Manager

Rocky View County Traffic Section

Partner Report - Cochrane RCMP



Hello. My name is Constable Mark Seaman and thought I would take an opportunity to introduce myself. I recently embraced the role as a new Rockyview Enhanced Policing Member. I

have been a member of the RCMP for over 10 years. I have had the opportunity to work in urban, rural and First Nation policing. I was the Citizens On Patrol (COP) Liaison for 3 years in Cochrane and worked in conjunction with the Stoney Nakoda First Nation, under a Community Tripartite Agreement. While in that role, I was fortunate to be recognized for my contributions to the community, receiving an award from RCMP “K” Division Policing Service for Changing the Norm – Crime Reduction and Community Mobilization.

I have always recognized the importance of collaborating with communities and their membership. Valuable information can be obtained from these partnerships. I learned this early in my career and, as well as, my time as the COP liaison.

Having worked with COP and now the Rural Crime Watch program, there are similarities and differences. Both have the same goal - sharing of information that leads to safer and happy communities for us all.

Crime prevention (Rural Crime Watch) and Crime Reduction are our primary goals. Crime reduction is a consultative, research- based, intelligence-led approach to reducing crime. Police actions are focused toward high-volume offenders, known crime hot spots and/or



the underlying causes of crime. The crime reduction components associated to this are: problem solving, enforcement, intervention and prevention. The ultimate goals of Crime Reduction are to lower crime rates, reduce the fear of crime, and reduce the impact of anti-social behaviours in our communities (RCMP).

Some current trends which have affected the Cochrane rural areas were mail theft, copper wire/battery theft, theft of/from motor vehicles and property crimes (Break & Enters (B&E), mischief).

Traffic safety is also another important component for safer rural communities. I make active patrols in the rural areas and promote safer roadways and issue violation tickets when applicable.

Through continued crime prevention via collaboration with Rural Crime Watch and the RCMP Crime Reduction Units goals and initiatives, we can all reach our common goals for safer and happy communities. Current education programs are assisting with these goals. Some additional programs being implemented are Project Lock Up and Trace Pen.

Province-Wide Statistics – January 2018 vs January 2019

B&E -7% Theft of MV -9% Theft (> < \$5000) -5% Possession of Stolen Goods -22%

There was a -12% decrease in rural property crime in this monthly period.

Province-Wide Statistics – January to December 2017 vs January to December 2018

B&E -3% Theft of MV -10% Theft (> < \$5000) -9% Possession of Stolen Goods -11%

There was a -10% decrease in rural property crime in this yearly period

Cst. Mark Seaman

Cochrane Detachment

Royal Canadian Mounted Police



The circular shape and Rural Crime Watch Banner tie these Agencies and Partners together to support the Rural Crime Watch Program in Alberta. While each have their own mandate and area of expertise, their contributions past and present are greatly appreciated.